

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN  
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

**Docket No.:** S63.2B-11303-US01

**Title of Invention:** Stent with Nested Flexible Connectors for Flexibility and Crimpability

As the below named inventor(s), I/We declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☒ The attached application, or
- ☐ Application No. Not Assigned, filed on Not Assigned,
- ☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by an amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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as assignee of the entire interest of the above identified patent application, hereby appoints all practitioners of **Customer No. 490** to insert the docket no., filing date and application number of said application above when known; to prosecute this application and any application claiming priority therefrom; to execute any terminal disclaimers on behalf of assignee; and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and I hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from, and to communicate directly with, the firm or person which sent this case to VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS unless or until I instruct VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS in writing to the contrary.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

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**ASSIGNEE'S STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP 37 CFR 3.73(B)**


SciMed Life Systems, Inc., a Minnesota corporation is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the patent application identified above.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this statement of ownership certificate on behalf of the assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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